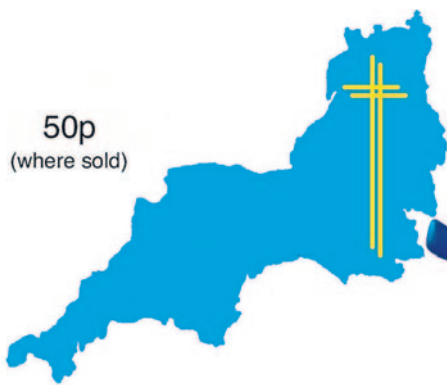


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**‘the only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love’  
Galatians 5:6**

On 20 April, over 35 people from Devon and Cornwall came together at St Cuthbert Mayne in Launceston to pray and reflect on a Christian response to an ageing society and how Catholic Social Teaching should inform that response. The event was organised by Caritas Diocese of Plymouth in partnership with our SVP friends and hosted by Canon John Deeny and his parish.

The population in the Diocese of Plymouth is changing. An increasingly larger percentage of the population will be over 65 in the coming years. Many people are living longer and we can expect to see increasing numbers of people living into their 90s. For many, these additional years of life are a positive experience and older people make a huge contribution to social action in our parish and local communities. However some people will struggle with ill health, loneliness, bereavement and poverty in later life. Our older years are as much a time to expand

our horizons as our earlier years and the Church has a role to play in challenging stereotypes of ageing and enabling people to continue to contribute and develop throughout life.

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth and SVP offered presentations about the challenges and opportunities of an ageing society and how can support parishes and groups to respond. The fundamental principle of the dignity of the human person should guide everything we do. We discussed the importance of actively going out to seek those in need and creating relationships of trust and encounter. Positive relationships created by parish pastoral groups can help create communities of care, where people look out for one another and where everyone’s gifts are used and valued. We acknowledged the importance of bringing together different groups in the parish to support people as well as working with other churches and groups of other faiths or none.

People shared positive experiences of taking action such as creating warm

spaces, some of which have turned into permanent spaces of welcome; creating befriending groups visiting those who feel isolated and lonely; setting up intergenerational links between schools, parishes and care homes. They also discussed the barriers to reaching out, including the difficulties in identifying people who need support, the challenge in finding people who feel they can volunteer and the feeling by many that there is too much red tape and bureaucracy; the challenges of transport, particularly in rural areas. Participants discussed the need to find some creative ways to address these challenges as our population changes.

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth and SVP will reflect on the issues raised at the meeting, considering how we can address the barriers to action and encourage parish responses to our changing demographic.

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# New Bishop Ordained at Clifton Cathedral

A packed Cathedral welcomed the new Bishop, along with his family and almost all the Clifton diocesan priests and Deacons, and Bishops from England and Wales. The choir and music were outstanding.

Archbishop Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham and Metropolitan Principal was the Consecrating Bishop, with Bishop Declan (the 9th Bishop of Clifton) and Bishop Peter Colins, Bishop of East Anglia, as Co-consecrating Bishops.

Also present were His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, His Eminence Cardinal Arthur Roche, Prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship, His Eminence Cardinal Lazzaro You Heung-sik, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Clergy, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain.

**From Pope Francis:** Francis, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, sends greetings and a Blessing to his dear son Bosco MacDonald of the clergy of Clifton diocese and hitherto appointed to the Bishop of Clifton as dean and administrator of the Cathedral church of Saints Peter and Paul in the city of Bristol.

Blessed indeed was that Apostle who, proclaiming true witness to Christ the son of the living God, received at that moment his heavenly reward (cf Mt 16, 16-17). As We reflect today, stepping ahead joyfully, on so great a fatherly revelation, which is a support and consolation in Our task of guiding the universal Church, We now intend with fatherly concern to secure the welfare of the Clifton ecclesial community which, deprived at present following the

resignation of Our Venerable brother Declan Ronan Lang, awaits its Pastor.

We therefore consider that it is appropriate for Us to approach you, dear son, who, devoted as you are to pastoral activities, have displayed many human and christian gifts, by reason of which you seem to Us suited to this ministry. Accordingly, guided by the counsel of the Dicastery for Bishops and by the fullness of Our Apostolic authority, We willingly appoint you Bishop of Clifton, granting you the due rights and matching obligations associated with this ministry.

You may commit yourself to episcopal Ordination outside the City of Rome, maintaining liturgical norms, by a catholic Bishop of your choice. Before your episcopal Ordination, nevertheless, it will be for you to make a profession of faith and swear a declaration of loyalty to Us and Our Successors in accordance with the rules of ecclesiastical law. It is Our will that you should inform the clergy and people of your diocese of this Our decree. We urge them with all our heart to cherish the diocese and accept you as custodian and guide.

Dear son, may the Lord provide you with the strength to serve permanently God's holy people, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the apostles Peter and Paul, in faith and hope and in fervent charity to nourish that people fully. Given at the Lateran, Rome, on the fourteenth day of March, in the two thousand and twenty-fourth year of our Lord, the twelfth year of Our Pontificate.

**Francis**



Bishop John Bosco MacDonald, known as Bosco, was born in Bath on 21 July 1963. He was baptised at the parish church of St Mary's in the city.

He studied at the seminary in Valladolid, Spain, and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Clifton at St John's in Bath on 6 July 1991.

His first appointment of his diocesan ministry was at the Cathedral parish as an assistant priest, before being made parish priest of St John Fisher in Wellington from 1995-1998. He then moved to Holy Family, Patchway.

In November 1997, Bishop-elect Bosco was appointed the Diocesan Coordinator of Chaplains for Primary, Secondary and

Sixth Form sectors, and from 1998-2023 was a member of the Retired Priests Committee.

On New Year's Day 2003, he was appointed Dean of Bristol North West and held the role for four years.

His next parish appointment was to St Gregory the Great with St Thomas More in Cheltenham. During this time, in March 2009, he was Installed as Canon of the Cathedral Chapter.

In 2010, Bishop Bosco was appointed Amicus Clero for the diocese. The term means 'friend of the clergy' and the incumbent offers a listening ear for any priest with pastoral or personal concerns.





# Blessing of pets 2024

Fr Anthony O’Gorman the parish priest of ‘Our Lady Star of the Sea’ Catholic Church in Weymouth held a blessing of pets as he did last year and it was a great success.

Fr Anthony was asked if he was the local Vicar of Dibley!

Pictures by Esmee Nicholls





# Scripture Focus

By Fr Jeremy Corley



## Overcoming Evil

The first reading on the Tenth Sunday of the Year (9th June) speaks of the result of the first sin, as told in the Book of Genesis. This ancient story is the inspired author's explanation of how evil and death came to exist in the world.

According to the story, Adam and Eve have disobeyed God's command by eating the fruit of the tree. Now they realise they are naked, and so they try to hide from God—an impossible task. The serpent has promised Adam and Eve: "You will be like God, knowing good and evil." In their human pride, they have presumed to make themselves like God. But they did not seek to become like God as a gift received. Instead they wished to seize such equality for themselves.

Despite the serpent's assurance, eating the fruit does not give them a moment of enlightenment. Instead, the previous harmony between Adam and Eve is now broken, and a blame game begins. Adam blames Eve, as well as God for having given her to him. Then Eve blames the serpent for tempting her. Adam and Eve both wish

to evade full responsibility for their actions.

According to the Genesis story, God curses the serpent: "You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life." Whereas other animals have legs to move around, the serpent will move in a mysterious slithering way.

God adds: "I will make you enemies of each other, you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring." This story explains the particular hostility between humans and snakes in warm climates. God outlines the effect of this hostility. Human beings descended from Eve will crush the serpent's head by beating any snake that attacks them. However, the serpent will strike the heel of human beings, attacking them where they are vulnerable.

When it was first written, the Genesis story was about God's ancient dealings with human beings and animals. Readers had an explanation of why snakes can be so hostile and dangerous for human beings. But later interpreters saw it as pointing to the malicious role of the devil, depicted as the serpent. The Book of

Wisdom speaks of the devil's role in bringing sin and death into the world (Wis 2:23-24).

As it was interpreted by early Christians, the last verse of our reading was understood as the Protevangelium—the first biblical statement of the gospel (Gen 3:15). According to the church fathers, Eve's messianic descendant will defeat the devil: "Christ will crush your [Satan's] head." However, the devil will strike a mortal blow against Eve's messianic offspring: "You [= Satan] will crush his heel"—by causing Christ's crucifixion.

When Jesus was fulfilling his public ministry, he encountered many people suffering from demons of various kinds, and he cured them by freeing them of these harmful demons. Yet some scribes accused Jesus of healing and exorcising through the power of the devil.

But Jesus replied: "How can Satan cast out Satan? A divided kingdom will not survive. If Satan is divided, his reign is over." Jesus uses an illustration of a burglary. If a strong man has property, he can guard it. But if someone stronger comes along, he can tie up the previous

owner and take control of the property.

Jesus is the strong one who overcomes evil for us. The good news is that if anyone has been under the devil's control or influence, Christ can come and overcome the devil. Christ can take control of the person's life, bringing wholeness and peace.

The only unforgivable sin is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit—an unwillingness to recognise and welcome the light of Christ. If we attribute Christ's work to the devil, how can we receive forgiveness? But if we honestly confess our sins, the Lord is graciously willing to forgive us.

God does not wish us to remain under the power of the evil one. Indeed, Christ suffered and died to save us. Instead of seeking to grasp equality with God, Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death on the cross, but God raised him high. He seeks to raise us up, if we have faith in him. Let us turn to him for healing and life.

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The Parish has developed a long-standing partnership with IntoUniversity, a national organisation funded by the Sutton Trust, to create the IntoUniversity Southampton Centre which operates Monday to Friday from the Parish Hall. This safe and welcoming environment in the heart of the community offers tailored support to young people that would otherwise be difficult to access. The wide-reaching IntoUniversity programmes are specifically designed to equip young people with academic and social skills and careers advice that enables them to achieve their own aspirations and life opportunities beyond the age of 18, including university. The service is run by graduate staff and university-educated volunteers.



But the future of these services was threatened when the Hall's broke down beyond repair, resulting in a lack of

heating and hot water and meaning that IntoUniversity had no option but to close its doors due to its regular users seven times during the past winter. As well as threatening the future of these services, these problems also severely curtailed the hospitality and sanctuary that many in the Parish had come to rely on.

The grant will see the installation of a new boiler and heating system in the Hall and will not only safeguard these services but will also help to decrease the Parish's overall carbon footprint. More efficient and sustainable heating will also ensure the Parish is less vulnerable to the volatility of energy prices and will support the Parish in accessing and participating in the national Warm Spaces network, providing warmth, connection and companionship to those who are unable to heat their own homes.

The lease arrangements with IntoUniversity provide the Parish with the majority of its annual income, enabling it to provide a weekly Toddler Group and separate discussion groups for men and women where people throughout the Parish come together for camaraderie

and to share a home-cooked hot meal. There is no charge for these community services which are open to all, irrespective of whether they are Catholic.

The Parish Hall is also let four evenings a week and Saturday mornings throughout the year for open sessions with the Southampton West Table-Tennis Club. The Club, which was set up some 24 years ago, has worked especially hard in recent years to attract and coach young people who might otherwise be susceptible to anti-social behaviour. The Club is especially proud of its open access policy, meaning that all sections of the community are welcome, irrespective of ability.

Free use of the Parish Hall is also provided for local Caritas projects, while special sessions are also organised for the local Hong Kong Chinese community. A weekly Gardening Group provides physical exercise and mental stimulation for local people, many of whom do not have a garden themselves, tending to the precious communal 'green lung' of the Church's curtilage and grounds.



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# View from the Pew

By Dr Jay Kettle-Williams



## VOX POPULI, VOX DEI?

GB News is a bit like Marmite, no? People either love the news channel or they can't stand it. Personally it makes no difference to me whether people are for or against on this or on any other matter, as long as they remain reasoned, just, dignified and respectful in their persuasion. One of the channel's presenters is the unashamedly Catholic and conservative The Rt Hon Sir Jacob William Rees-Mogg (pictured), born 24 May 1969, member of the Conservative Party serving as the Member of Parliament (MP) for North East Somerset since 2010. He has adopted the expression Vox Populi, Vox Dei very much as a call sign or type of positioning statement.



That Latin phrase, meaning 'The voice of the people is the voice of God', relates to a Whig tract - a tract being a short article expounding a religious, moral or political opinion in an attempt to influence people's attitudes - of 1709, but which lost the entire pithiness it has in Latin when expanded in 1710 and in later reprints to The Judgment of whole Kingdoms and Nations: Concerning the Rights, Power, and Prerogative of Kings, and the Rights, Privileges, and Properties of the People.

It's fascinating how in a pattern akin to Parkinson's Law, the number of words we use expands with the opportunity, time and ability, we have at our disposal: the Lucan Text of the Lord's Prayer (Lk XI 2-4) contains 55 words, there are some 313 words (depending on the version) in The Ten Commandments (Exodus XX 2-17) but about 7,700 are used in Commission Regulation (EC) Number 557/2007 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1028/2006 on marketing standards for eggs. I digress.

All I hear these days, when I listen for the voice of the people, are echoes of the tumultuous cry resonating down through the ages for the crucifixion of Jesus in

return for the release of Barabbas. Barabbas had been a violent man, a brigand, a rebel, presumably a revolutionary, who had been jailed for sedition and murder, crimes which, under Roman law, were punishable by death. As a prisoner mentioned in all four Gospels, Barabbas was chosen by the baying crowd, over Jesus, to be released by Pontius Pilate in a customary pardon before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Historically, the release of Barabbas at the crowd's behest, and their subsequent demands to crucify Jesus, have been used to justify anti-Semitism.

Barabbas represents a faction, perhaps among many at the time and certainly very many since, set on challenging the society of which they might form part or otherwise wish to wage war against. But with war come casualties. 'The first casualty, when war comes, is truth', is the oft-quoted term coined during World War 1 by Hiram Johnson (1866-1945), a Progressive Republican senator in California. He died on 6 August 1945, the day the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

Man's inhumanity to man,' to quote Robert Burns, 'makes countless thousands mourn!' Not that such negativity necessarily makes me feel negative. But the optimism I normally feel is sorely put to the test by our human inhumanity working hand in glove with the ability to distort, misrepresent and condemn. Such, we know, can now be the Vox Populi whether that be at the micro or macro level, continuing in just the same way as has been the pattern in the past.

Well, folk might like to hear what people like us Catholics have to say. You never know, they might love it.

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# THE PILLAR'S TALE

Presented by Sister Anne Smyth, O.Ss.S.  
*Former abbess of Syon Abbey*

On May 4th we celebrated the feast day of St Richard Reynolds, one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. There was a surprise for those attending the morning Mass at Blessed Sacrament, Exeter after which they were invited into the St Richard Reynolds' Centre next door to watch the première of THE PILLAR'S TALE: a video about their special relic...

## Holy Pillar of Saint Richard Reynolds

Richard Reynolds was born around 1487, near to St Michael's Church Pinhoe, Exeter. In 1510 he became a Fellow of Corpus Christi College in Cambridge and entered Syon Abbey, Isleworth on June 13 1513, making his first profession a year later.

He was known for his angelic appearance, learned sermons, and was a personal friend of John Fisher and Thomas More. Richard refused the Oath of Succession and the Act of Supremacy and was executed at Tyburn on May 4 1535 along with three Carthusian priors and the vicar of Isleworth. He was the last of the martyrs, watching them being hung, drawn and quartered.

It is believed part of his body was then fixed to the ornate gatepost at the entrance to the grounds of the Abbey. The Syon community had warning of the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1539 and the Sisters dispersed to various places. Then in 1556 some returned to Isleworth under the reign of Mary Tudor. The Abbey had been partially pulled down and this finial was found lying on the ground. However, in 1559 the situation became desperate and they fled abroad again. The finial or pillar was placed in a huge barrel, as well as another barrel believed to contain the statue of Saint Bridget holding an ivory cross.

When the day came, before dawn they rolled the two barrels down to the awaiting barges to go silently down the River Thames and across the English Channel to monasteries in Flanders where Syon could take refuge.

Three hundred years of exile followed travelling to Rouen then Lisbon to where young English Catholic 'maidens' were sent in secret. In 1861 a group of

Sisters sailed from Portugal to settle in the Augustinian convent at Spettisbury, Dorset, moving to Chudleigh in 1887 taking the Holy Pillar and the statue of Saint Bridget. In 1925 they moved on to Marley House near South Brent. Finally in 1990 the Pillar was sited in the chapel at New Syon.

When the last three Sisters of Syon left in 2011, the Pillar was given to the Blessed Sacrament Church in Heavitree near where young Richard had been born. His Feast Day is celebrated on May 4th. Now there is a video to play of our last Abbess explaining the history. Joy Hanson.

THE PILLAR'S TALE is now available on YouTube. To watch it, simply scan the QR Code on this page.



# Falmouth port chaplain who supported hundreds of seafarers passes away

It is with great sadness that global maritime charity Stella Maris announces the death of John Pinhay, Stella Maris' regional chaplain at the ports of Falmouth and Fowey, Cornwall for more than ten years, who passed away peacefully on Friday, 10th May.

John, 77, was a ship visitor with Stella Maris for several years before being appointed port chaplain in 2013. He was a generous man who became a friend to the many seafarers he encountered during his ministry.

Through the years, John – along with his loyal ship visitor, Simon Bromage, and John's wife Patricia, also a former ship visitor herself – was a welcome presence on the many ships they visited, and in the community they served.

Early on in his ministry, John realised how important communication, Faith materials and other resources are to seafarers. "When I go onboard a ship, I have my stock of "Bible Alive's", Sunday Missals, prayer cards, chocolate bars, newspapers, maps of the town, mobile Wifi unit, mobile phone SIM cards, you name it, I try and carry it," he said.

John, a parishioner of St Mary Immaculate Catholic church in Falmouth, helped organise numerous coffee mornings and Christmas gift wrapping sessions with Stella Maris supporters at the parish, raising funds and packing Christmas goodie bags for seafarers.

Last year, John supported the crew of the cargo ship Mazarine, who were in Falmouth Harbour for many months while their vessel underwent repairs, having lost power and run aground near the Isles of Scilly. John and Simon provided them with much-needed company, friendship and even delicious Cornish treats, for the duration of their stay, spending time in prayer with the bosun for his family.

Stella Maris CEO Tim Hill MBE said, "Throughout his long career in the Royal Navy and latterly with Stella Maris, John



dedicated his life to supporting sailors, seafarers, fishers and their families. His commitment and self-sacrifice shone as a beacon of light to us all. His loss will be sorely felt throughout our entire Stella Maris family."

Deacon Nick O'Neill, Stella Maris Senior Area Port Chaplain for South of England and Wales said, "I have been in total admiration and awe of John's long, committed and dedicated service to his family, the church, to Stella Maris and of course, to the hard-working seafarers. He has always been the most gentle, kind and compassionate man, and it has been an honour and privilege to have him as part of the team and to have had the chance to get to know him."

John was a lovely man with a generous heart, who made an enormous contribution to Stella Maris and to supporting seafarers and fishers. He will be greatly missed by everyone he knew and by all at Stella Maris.

We pray for the repose of his soul and for his wife Patricia, his children, Sean and Helen, and their family at this sad time.



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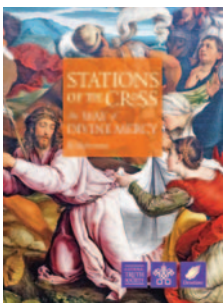
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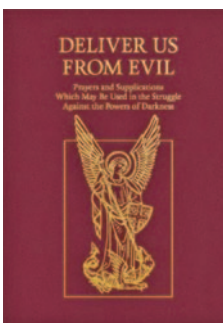
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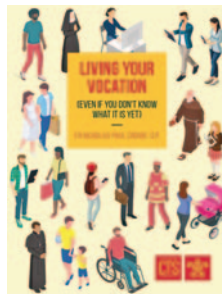
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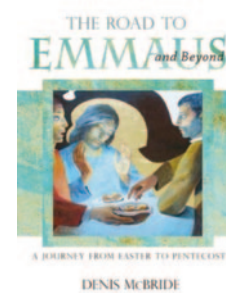
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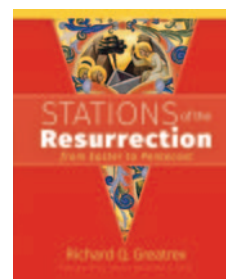
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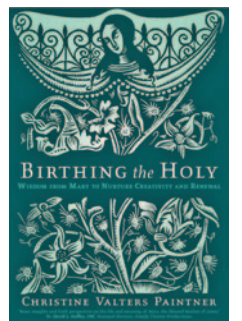
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# Giving back, in gratitude

## What are you thankful for, in your life?

**“Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.”**

**Psalm 107:8**

This year marks a whole decade of more than 20 charities working together, through Your Catholic Legacy, to encourage people like you to remember Catholic causes in your Will. The milestone prompted us to look back, with thanks, over the last 10 years...

We remembered kind people whose legacy gifts have changed lives and transformed ministries. We chatted about the survey which showed Catholics are more generous than most people. We recalled the time you ‘shared your Saint’ and told us about the heroes of faith who inspire you.

Looking back with gratitude is good for us. After all, Scripture says we should ‘give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.’ (Thess 5:18).

So, today, please join us in looking back over the last 10 years of your life – and tell us what makes you thankful.

We’d love to know what fills your heart with gratitude. We’ll publish all the messages of thanksgiving on our website, so you can be inspired by other Catholics.

As well as looking back, we invite you to look forward too... Many people choose to express gratitude by leaving a gift in their Will to Catholic causes. It’s a way to give back, in thanks to God, for all we’ve been given. And it’s a gift of faith which will continue through generations.

Please could you consider a gift in your Will to Catholic causes today?

Thank you so much. Visit [yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk](https://yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk) to tell us what you’re thankful for and find out how to leave a gift in your Will.



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# What are you thankful for?

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When you look back over the last 10 years of your life, what makes YOU thankful?  
*Tell us what you’re grateful for.*

A gift in your Will is a way to express your gratitude to God for all you’ve been given. It’s a way to give back, in thanks.

Please could you consider a gift in your Will to Catholic causes today?

Visit [yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk](https://yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk) to tell us what you’re thankful for and find out how to leave a gift in your Will.

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You can use both sets of clues to solve the puzzle: the solutions are the same.

CRYPTIC Across

7 Landmass of alkali – silicon, iron, aluminium, primarily (4)

8 7 city Paul sought, but could not see? (8)

9 Brigand hierarchy's share supplies a 7 political leader... (6)

10 ...toplaceAmericansailorswestofSaul'splacein7(6)

11 Guy retired following return of writer's block (7)

13 Tree tissue needs unspecified quantities of citrus fruit, mostly (5)

15 Titus helped make Church here tangible without deception (5)

17 Rebel top guns pulled out of housing project being built in 7 town (7)

21 Apostle has cheek to back a Greek character (6)

23 Italian town – East-South-East following French department's lead? (6)

24 Praise for Capri's evacuation of American leader to Rome (8)

25 Ancient 7 country's secure wall: extra dam's eventually built (4)

CRYPTIC Down

1 Father's vessel's first-class, about to go north to fish (8)

2 In need of cash for Oliver Trophy after Yacht Club pulled out (4,2)

3 Recommendation to expose weakness after promotion (6)

4 Rug's edging looks top-notch – it's an enduring fiddle (5)

5 One in flight seen above quarry's very large (6)

6 African stays after little Benjamin somehow gets free from Zebulun (4)

12 7's British administration conflict is overturned (3)

14 Record a fellow and a Welsh girl being recipient of a letter from Paul (8)

16 Jewish commentary on the Torah, and thanks over Left's abuse being put down (6)

18 The King's hard to follow, like Tolkien's take on some in Middle Earth (6)

19 Setback: part of a clear single-mindedness of this 7 country? (6)

20 One of Joktan's boys at work: say hello, Rex (5)

22 Sacred-soundingfestivalin7(4)

QUICK Across

7 Roman province of western Turkey, and home to 14 for instance (4)

8 Syrian home to Aramaeans who fought and lost to David (8)

9 Mohandas Karamchand -----, leader whose nickname meant 'Great Soul' (6)

10 One-timehomein7forNTcorrespondent?(6)

11 Assembly of church canons (7)

13 Woody tissue (5)

15 One-time island home of the Philistines (5)

17 First city taken by the Israelites when they entered the Promised Land (7) 21 Son of Herod the Great – the first husband of Herodias (6)

23 City of Lombardy set between Lakes Maggiore and Como (6)

24 Emperor, 41-54 AD, who forced all Jews to leave Rome (8)

25 OT country east of Babylonia, capital Susa (4)

QUICK Down

1 One of the Twelve Tribes (8)

2 Penurious; impecunious (4,2)

3 Counsel;warning(6)

1 2 3 4 5 6

7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

4 Cremona violin-maker and music teacher to Stradivarius (5)

5 Marine bird of prey: rugby player from a merged Welsh regional team (6)

6 Part of the Nguni group of languages along with Swazi and Xhosa (4)

12 British rule in colonial India (3)

14 One in receipt of a letter from Paul, written about 62 AD while in prison in Rome (8) 16 Some Jews' interpretation of the Torah (6)

18 Puckish, imp-like (alternative spelling) (6)

19 David, 'the sweet psalmist of -----' (6)

20 Descendant of Shem, one of Joktan's sons (5)

22 BoisterousandcolourfulHindu festival(4)

SOLUTION

Across: 7 Asia, 8 Damascus, 9 Gandhi, 10 Tarsus, 11 Chapter, 13 Xylem, 15 Crete, 17 Jericho, 21 Philip, 23 Varese, 24 Claudius, 25 Elam. Down: 1 Issachar, 2 Hard up, 3 Advice, 4 Amati, 5 Osprey, 6 Zulu, 12 Raj, 14 Ephesian, 16 Talmud, 18 Elvish, 19 Israel, 20 Ophir, 22 Holi.